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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

In response to the "final" Office Action¹ dated November 14, 2003, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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¹ Applicant submits that the finality of the Office Action is premature. In particular, claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Hibbard (U.S. '054) in the first Office Action mailed May 21, 2003. Claim 14 was not amended in Applicant's Amendment/Response filed August 21, 2003. Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being "obvious" over Hibbard in the following Office Action mailed November 14, 2003 (i.e., the latest Office Action). The grounds of rejection of claim 14 has changed even though claim 14 was not amended. The new grounds of rejection could not have possibly been necessitated by any amendment to claim 14 since there was no amendment to claim 14.